

EKETĀHUNA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Preparing today's child for tomorrow's world - Whakakaha ngā tamariki mo apopo

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COMING UP:

Friday 31st March: Celebration Assembly - Hukanui Hosting

Tuesday 4th April: Manawatu Schools Road Race

Wednesday 5th April: Year 7 & 8 Technology @ Tararua College

Thursday 6th April: Celebration Assembly @ 2:15pm - House Leaders

Thursday 6th April: Last Day of Term

Wednesday 26th April: First Day of Term 2 - School Starts Back!

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

We have had an awesome week here at school, lots to be completed and finished as we near the end of term!

SCHOOL HOUSE TEAM LEADERS HELP OUT AT THE ST. CUTHBERTS COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our students enjoyed helping at the St. Cuthberts Community Lunch last Friday, and were outstanding representatives for the school. Holly Spring, Hunter Rankin, Jehanne Knight and Evan Governor thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon! 😊



GENEROUS DONATION FROM ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH



We have been the lucky recipients of a \$540.00 donation from Eketāhuna's St Cuthbert Church. The generous support of groups like this makes it possible for our school to offer great educational experiences and to make the school community a great place to be. The donation is to go towards the planned all weather surface turf to go in behind Nireaha and Pūtara. All our children will benefit from this kind gesture!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is great seeing everyone in school on Fridays, at the school assembly at 2:15pm, in the hall. Check the school calendar on our website online for dates. It's a great opportunity to share the successes children have had throughout the week.

Tomorrow's assembly will be hosted by students from Hukanui.

Principal's Award: Maxwell Crudis & Addiena Jones



Week 8 Class Awards - Star Student:

For great work done in class and related to learning throughout the week:

Hukanui: Georgia Capes
Hāmua: Rylan Carrington
Rongomai: Mikey Hammond
Nireaha: Campbell Mackisack
Pūtara: Keira Bidois

Week 8 Caught Being Good Award - Duffy Book:

Outstanding behaviour that exemplifies our school values and expectations:

Hukanui: Aria McMahon
Hāmua: Hugo Algie
Rongomai: Maddy Swan
Nireaha: Harley Greco
Pūtara: Beth Anderson

WEEKLY UPDATE

HUKANUI NEWS: (ROOM 1)

A fantastic week of learning here in Hukanui. Yesterday, as it was so cold and we could see the snow on the hills, we talked all about the winter and things that we like to do in the winter. We have been working hard planning our assembly for tomorrow. Come along and join in the fun! We did some amazing information reports about Elephants. These children are fantastic writers and love to show off their work. The children have been learning about patterns, forming and continuing them. Help them make patterns with things around home. We counted down this morning and there are only 6 more days at school before Easter. Remember, any questions please contact me on mwhiteley@eketahuna.school.nz.

Thanks. Marilyn

RONGOMAI NEWS: (ROOM 2)

Kia Ora Whanau,

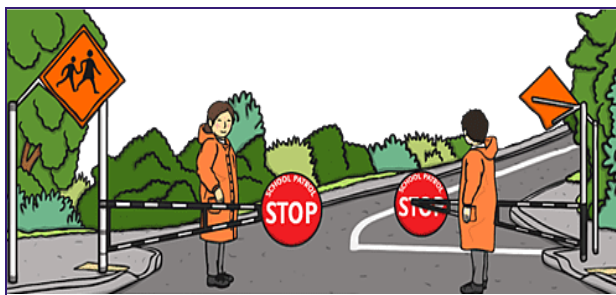
This week has been awesome. We have been learning how to use a ruler to measure different objects in the classroom using cm and mm. Today the students have been challenged to see the distance between their bed and the door of their rooms and share the distance with the class on Friday morning. We had writing moderation this week on our elephant information reports. Students in Rongomai did an awesome job so ka pai Rongomai. Next week, as easter is coming up we will begin some easter craft which students are looking forward to too. Just a reminder, If you have any questions please email me at: hjohnston@eketahuna.school.nz. Holly 😊

HAMUA NEWS: (ROOM 3)

Four Seasons in one day! We have had it all today and the kids were loving their hot lunch of spaghetti and meatballs. Great timing! After last weeks 'Elephant Week' we have a lot of great work to show off and celebrate. My window is adorned with a patchwork of Elmer Elephants and all of the staff were amazed by the high quality writing that came out of Hamua for our **Information Reports**. Great work team!

Our next writing genre is **Procedural Writing**. This is all about following and writing instructions. If you have time at home, have a look at a few recipes. Note that they all follow the same set of rules: Title, Ingredients, equipment, method (or sequence of events in order). Remember that daylight savings ends this weekend - hopefully without too much confusion. I will be looking forward to a bit more light in the mornings!

All the best for this last week of term 1, Rachael.



KEA CROSSING SAFETY FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

We are becoming increasingly concerned with the actions of some drivers when dropping off and collecting your children each day, in relation to the correct use of the Kea Crossing. All students crossing the road are required to use the active Kea Crossing. Please avoid calling them across the road in different places along Alfredton Rd. We want to get everyone home safely!

BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

A REMINDER TO MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE BRINGING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY. PLEASE MAKE SURE IT HAS YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT. WE HAVE THE WATER BOTTLE FILLER OPEN AGAIN FOR STUDENTS TO USE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THEY STAY HYDRATED. THANKS.



STUDENTS 'OFF' BUSES

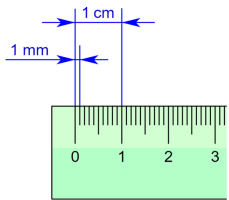
CAN WE ASK PARENTS & CAREGIVERS OF ANY BUS STUDENTS WHO ARE BEING TAKEN OFF THE AFTERNOON BUSES TO PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW BEFORE 2:30PM. LATE 'RING INS' ARE HARD TO MONITOR AND WE WANT TO AVOID ANY MIX UPS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



HEAD LICE:

WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE MORE CASES OF HEAD LICE AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK. THIS IS A PERENNIAL PROBLEM IN ALL SCHOOLS AND WE RECOMMEND YOU CHECK ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD CAREFULLY. IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OR SUPPORT IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 375 8191.



NIREAHA NEWS: (ROOM 5)

Kia ora koutou,

Nireaha have had another amazing week. I am loving how settled they are, and are working very hard on their class tasks. In maths, we have been working on statistics and this week we have been reading scales and measuring length. Today we have started applying these skills when measuring perimeter and area. In reading we are continuing to focus on our comprehension. The children are starting to learn touch typing on typing.com, perhaps they could show you their skills at home.

We have enjoyed the House Softball games, hopefully we get some good weather over the next week to complete the competition. Thank you for ongoing support. Barb.

PUTARA NEWS: (ROOM 6)

Hi all

In Pūtara we are learning about measurement and length. Today's task was to estimate what the perimeter of the basketball court is... the closest estimate would win a prize. The perimeter is 86m, and Shylo estimated 88m. Well done, Shylo!! We are converting mm, cm, m, km - which can be quite challenging at times. Please keep the rich discussion going on at home, with your child.

Have a lovely weekend and stay as warm as possible!
Dean

**HERO DAY****FUNDRAISER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE**

Thanks to all those who donated to such a worthy cause - it was much appreciated!

**Upcoming Board Of Trustees Meeting**

The next Eketāhuna School Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th April at 6:30pm in the Eketāhuna School staff room, everyone is welcome to attend and if you have any items for the agenda please let me know by 5pm 31 March with all relevant information. I am contactable on botchair@eketahuna.school.nz or 3758059.

Warmest Regards, Skye White Chairperson, Eketāhuna Board of Trustees



Hey there!

Shop at your local New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. Place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets. Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into a winning share of the \$200,000 sports prize pool from DG Sport. Please contact Denise to print off a form or go to <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/> to print the form yourself.

